



Mock disaster staged on Wednesday night tested the response of hospitals, law enforcement and medical personnel. The drill was staged to test reactions and effectiveness in case of a potential disaster in

the community. All available ambulances were used in transportation. The injured were transported to the hospital.

# Mock Disaster Tests Emergency Crews Response

23 May 1985

HEBER CITY (May 21)—A mock disaster drill today tested the readiness of county emergency and medical personnel. Sponsored by the Disaster Readiness Committee at

Wasatch County Hospital, the drill was designed to test the reactions and effectiveness of emergency medical technicians, law enforcement people, doctors, nurses, and other hospital workers.

The scenario consisted of a

head-on collision in the Charleston area. The accident was also to involve several young bystanders playing ball at the scene. In addition, a heart attack victim and a case of a woman with premature labor pains were to be transported to the hospital from other locations. The situation was designed to tax the facilities of the hospital. A total of seventeen victims were used, all of them realistically made up.

Three ambulances from Heber City participated as well as the

unit from Kamas. The injured were taken into the hospital through two different entrances and hospital personnel quickly moved them to prearranged examining areas. There vital signs were taken, injuries diagnosed, and treatment begun.

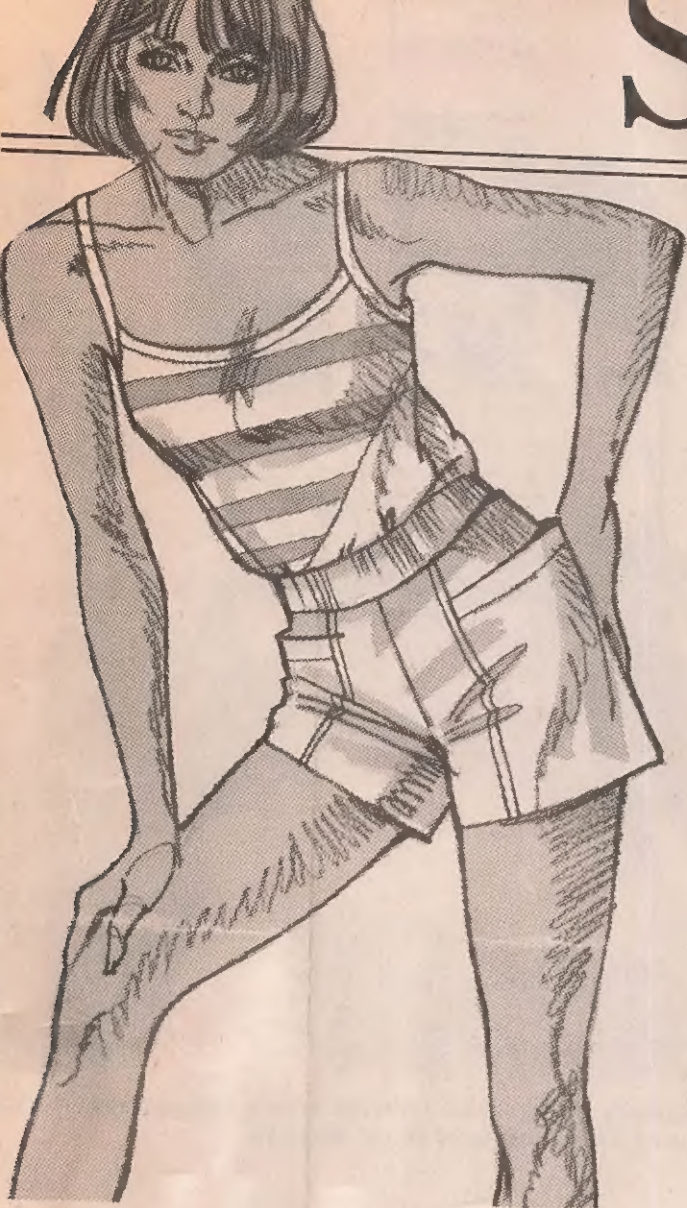
According to Vicki Taylor, Emergency Room Supervisor, the drill went very well. "We are required by the state to do this once a year so we decided to really test the hospital this time," Taylor said.

very happy with the efforts attitude of everyone who participated, especially our nurses. They were caught completely unaware and yet there was no question when we called them to come back in and help. They came."

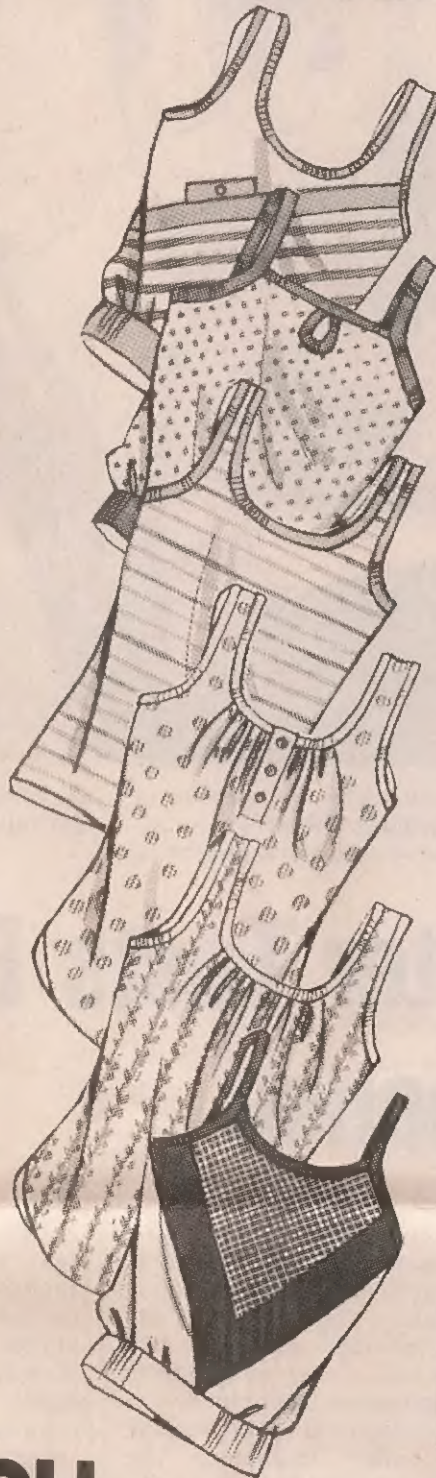
Mrs. Taylor added that she thought it was important to demonstrate to the community that the hospital was able to respond to an emergency of this size. She offered



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# Wasatch County Hospital Has Top Emergency Knowledge

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Heber City may be that small town away from the big city, but the emergency care you receive at Wasatch County Hospital (WCH) is every bit as efficient as a large city hospital--and maybe even better in some ways.

According to Vickie Taylor, emergency room (ER) supervisor, the E.R. can handle all minor and major trauma cases with the exception of a few rare cases.

"There are just a few cases we need to transfer," Ms. Taylor said. "But what we can treat is every bit as good as a large city hospital."

Ms. Taylor said in those serious cases where the patient needs to be transferred, the ER will stabilize the patient first.

"It is our job to stabilize the patient so they can handle the transfer," Ms. Taylor said.

According to Sandee Toone, Quality Assurance Supervisor of the hospital, all the nurses who work in the E.R. are certified to give advance life support. She also said the waiting time in the E.R. is much less than the bigger city hospital.

Ms. Taylor said the E.R. can treat cardiac problems (heart), burns, lacerations, pediatrics, orthopedics, obstetrics, and any general medicine.

"Our goal as a hospital is to give quality care," Ms. Taylor said. "And we really do have qualified nurses, emergency medical technicians (EMT's) and doctors."

In handling emergencies of all kinds, Ms. Taylor mentions a few typical summer time accidents which people should be aware.

"The most frequent accidents we see all the time are the accidents from the three-wheeled cycles, (ATV)," Ms. Taylor said.

Also according to Ms. Taylor, the majority of the accidents sustained from the ATV's are children.

"We like to warn both young and old that there are many accidents coming in from the ATV's, and parents should supervise their children when riding the three-wheeler," Ms. Taylor warned.

Also, according to Ms. Toone, when anyone rides a cycle of any kind, they should be wearing a full leather outfit and helmet with a shield in order to maintain safety.

"When I worked in an emergency room in Salt Lake, I saw a lot of horrible motorcycle accidents," Ms. Toone said. "Many of these horrible injuries were caused when they would ride the motorcycles with only cutoffs on."

Other summer time accidents are burns from campfires and fireworks. Ms. Taylor said we have been fortunate in not having many burns from fireworks, nevertheless, she warns the potential of serious injuries are still there.

"Parents should keep careful watch over their children when they are playing with fireworks,"

Ms. Taylor said.

Other burn accidents are caused by campfires. Ms. Taylor said many little children have come in with their hands burned from falling in the fire.

"Other typical summer time accidents are animal bites," Ms. Taylor said. "Many campers don't think a little squirrel can bite--but they can."

Ms. Toone suggested campers should not feed any wild animal at all.

Campers should be aware of food poisonings. Products such as meat and especially mayonnaise should not be left out in the sun. "Mayonnaise will spoil in just a few hours if left in the sun," Ms. Taylor said.

Life jackets should be worn when boating and fishing. "Every year there are a few drownings," Ms. Taylor said.

Of course, one of the major summer time accidents deals with alcohol. "We really don't get a lot of drunk accidents, but when they do happen, they are major," Ms. Taylor said.

One last area campers should be aware according to Ms. Toone: "Don't drink water from lakes, streams or creeks."

Ms. Toone said a few years ago, the hospital treated 40 people who became ill after drinking from a creek.

"It doesn't matter if the creek is a high mountain creek--DON'T drink from it," Ms. Toone suggested.



# The Editorial Page

## in our opinion

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## Welcome to Heber

Monday morning began in the same old way for most of the residents in Heber, but for Jim Matthews, it was the first day on the job as Heber City's new Police Chief.

Jim comes to the community with over 23 years of experience in law enforcement. His qualifications make him probably one of the best qualified members of the law enforcement service that any town in the state could hope to have.

Now comes the tough part. Jim is stepping into a situation that is far from ideal. The problems that have wracked the

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Natalie Cluff is attended to by Emergency Medical Technicians of the Wasatch County Ambulance after being summoned by Stephanie Webb of the Flower Boutique in Heber City. Stephanie Webb reported to the Wave that she summoned help when

Ms. Cluff complained to her of the heat and then became unconscious while in her store. Ms. Cluff was transported to Wasatch County Hospital where she was later released.

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# Ambulance Drivers Tensely 'Dodge' Cars

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Reporter Patrick G. Christian and photographer Brian Tregaskis recently spent a day with an Orem Fire Department ambulance crew, arranged following complaints from emergency agencies that that motorists don't heed lights and sirens. This is the second in a three-part series.

By **PATRICK CHRISTIAN**  
Herald Staff Writer

Emergency vehicles rushing code 3 (lights and siren) to an emergency are fighting an up-hill battle says Rod Jones, assistant Provo firechief. He says he's driven ambulance before he was Provo Fire Department's number-two man, and has been left white-knuckled after close calls.

"Your going against traffic signals and traffic in general; and if you're a paramedic in the back of an ambulance working on a patient, you can be bounced around inside like a ping pong ball," Jones says. When paramedics need to move around to work on a patient they must abandon the security of their seatbelts.

The majority of motorists seem to be indifferent to the law that requires them to pull over to the right and yield the right of way, according to Springville Police Chief Leland Bowers.

Earlier this month, one of his officers on a code 3 emergency was struck by another vehicle in Provo. The officer was escorting a motorist to the hospital with his sick wife.

The accident occurred in Provo as the officer driving on 300 South crossed University Ave. against the red light. No one was injured.



Drivers of emergency vehicles must be defensive drivers, says one chief.

Brian Tregaskis Photo

But damage to both vehicles was estimated at more than \$1,000.

Provo Police investigators cited the other driver for failing to yield to an emergency vehicle.

Bowers said sometimes it seems motorists just don't see the flashing lights or hear the wailing siren (Jones says some of the worst offenders are motorists wearing headphones). But Bowers says other times it's very obvious they do notice a code 3

officer because eye contact is made. But they then just go about what they were doing, disregarding state law.

"Sometimes they will look right at you and do nothing," pulling in front of you even though the law says they are suppose to yield a the code 3 vehicle.

Bowers and the others who work for agencies making code 3 runs say it's usually difficult to do anything about such disregard,

because a code 3 emergency is more important than stopping and issuing a ticket.

"Intersections are often the worst experience a driver faces," says Jones. "Everyone assumes everyone's going to stop and we come into it fast and hit the breaks until we believe everyone will yield and then go through. We send our drivers to a defensive driving school."

Jones says that Provo ambul-

ance drivers go out on such emergencies 4 or 5 times a day. He said time in some medical emergencies are critical.

"If a person has a heart attack the first three or so minutes are the most critical. After that the success rate quickly goes downhill. Our intent is to get to any place in the city within three minutes," Jones said that last year the average code 3 ambulance response was 3.5 minutes.



# y Dog Show Ends Today



## Retirements

### Pauline

#### Rasmussen

Pauline B. Rasmussen, lunch manager at Maeser School, will retire after 22½ years with Provo School District.

An open house retirement party will honor her Thursday, 6 p.m. at Maeser School, 150 S. 500 E., Provo.

She started at Farrer Junior High School and worked there for five years and came to Maeser as lunch manager in 1968.

She was educated in Moroni. After she graduated from high school she went to work at Dice Hospital and started her career in cooking and serving.

She was a missionary for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Southern States Mission for 22 months and since then has served in many positions in the LDS Church. At the present time she is education counselor in the 47th Ward Relief Society.

She has been a cook for the fifth grade summer outdoor education for 18 years.

On Maeser's Silver Jubilee she and her ladies served an anniversary breakfast to 250 guests. They have also served many school birthday cakes and treats for other occasions.

Pauline and her husband, Mont G. Rasmussen, have five children and 15 grandchildren.



Pauline Rasmussen

### Floyd Clegg

Floyd W. Clegg, head custodian at Maeser School, will retire after 33 years with the Provo School District.

An open house retirement party will honor him Thursday, at 6 p.m. at Maeser School, 150 S. 500 E., Provo.

Clegg began his career in September, 1953, as a fifth grade teacher at the Joaquin School.

He later taught fifth grade at the Provost School then came to the Maeser School as the head custodian in 1972.

He is a graduate of Lincoln High School in Orem, where he was the captain of the football and basketball teams as a senior. He later attended Brigham Young University, played on the freshman basketball team there and graduated the spring of 1953. He has done post graduate work at BYU.

He worked with the supervisory credit committee of the credit union, was the school PEA representative a number of years and is a life member of the National Education Association.

He married Nina Stratton and they are the parents of four children. They have five grandchildren.

Clegg is the President-elect of the Timpanogos (Orem) Sons of the Pioneers.



Floyd Clegg

### Jeniel Howell

Jeniel P. Howell will retire after 22 years in education and an open